

1-1 By: J. Davis of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 1971
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Deuell)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
1-4 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-5 and Human Services; May 15, 2013, reported favorably by the
1-6 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Nelson	X			
1-9 Deuell	X			
1-10 Huffman	X			
1-11 Nichols	X			
1-12 Schwertner	X			
1-13 Taylor			X	
1-14 Uresti	X			
1-15 West	X			
1-16 Zaffirini	X			
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to a pilot program conducted by the Department of Aging and
1-21 Disability Services to authorize certain accreditation surveys of
1-22 assisted living facilities.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 247, Health and Safety
1-25 Code, is amended by adding Section 247.033 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 247.033. ACCREDITATION SURVEY PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The
1-27 department may develop and implement a pilot program to authorize
1-28 the use of an accreditation survey that complies with Section
1-29 247.032(b) to fulfill the requirements for a life and safety code
1-30 survey or inspection or another survey or inspection required by
1-31 this subchapter. If the department implements the pilot program,
1-32 the department may implement the pilot program with the goal that
1-33 not later than August 31, 2014, at least one assisted living
1-34 facility will have used an accreditation survey for the purposes of
1-35 this section. The accreditation commission's standards must meet
1-36 or exceed the assisted living facility licensing requirements
1-37 established by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
1-38 Services Commission as required by Section 247.032(b)(1).

1-39 (b) This section expires September 1, 2015.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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